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Representative Franke Wilmer
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Representative Wilmer:

I want to apologize for the delay in getting in touch with you in regard to House Bill 328, "Include dispatchers in sheriff's retirement system." I know the State Administration Committee has not yet taken executive action on the bill and I wanted to let you know that while my direction at first was to oppose the bill, my Principle, Lewis & Clark County, would like to voice their support for the bill.

After carefully weighing the recruitment and training costs associated with hiring a dispatcher we can only conclude that it is more cost effective to seek to extend tenure on the part of current employees and new hires by affording them the alternative of enrolling in the Sheriffs retirement system (SRS) versus continuing in PERS. I would like to so notify the committee members prior to their executive action and would thank you in advance for allowing me to do so via this letter.

I appreciate the effort you put into this bill along with the many proponents that were at the hearing and in closing I can only say that you and the opponents were persuasive in presenting the case. I only hope it is not too late to have a role in the finally outcome and passage of the bill.

Thank you, and I am

Clifford Gordon Morris, Ph.D.